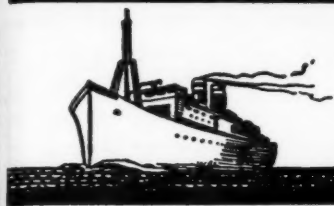


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Current Stampic Comment

That 4d Black Cape of Good Hope Last April, the auction house of H. R. Harmer in New York, offered among other stamps another copy of what is known as the Four Pence Black, Cape of Good Hope Triangle. This stamp is still being cussed and discussed in the Philatelic Press of the world. Might it not be best to give a review of the situation to date before sticking in our oar and rocking the boat.

We quote the listing from the H. R. Harmer auction catalogue of April 8th and 9th, 1941.

"347 o—The extremely rare 4d black. With 'Royal' certificate stating 'Genuine black impression and wmkd., but there is no real evidence at present that any 4d. black stamp was issued for postal use. The postmark is too indefinite for opinion.' This is, we believe the usual wording given by the Royal Philatelic Society's Committee.

It should be evident to anyone who will read the above frank description carefully that even the Royal Philatelic Society both doubts and questions the authenticity of the stamp as a recognized postal issue. The Society admits that the stamp was printed from the plates from which the issue was printed and that the paper is the right paper. Further than that the Society denies all authenticity to the stamp in question and apparently to others of its ilk in existence, and known. The Society states "There is no real evidence that any 4d. black stamp was issued for postal use." The Society further states "The postmark is too indefinite for opinion." With respect to this remark, the cataloguer who prepared the auction catalogue states "This is, we believe the usual wording given by the Royal Philatelic Society's Committee".

Thus we find in the first place that the Royal Society does not believe that the stamp was issued for postal use. In this point it is quite easy to agree with them, and with respect to this

point is it not about time that the stamp collectors agree on what is to be recognized as legitimately issued stamps. It would appear that if the collectors were to recognize as legitimate stamps any stamp issued in the usual manner and sold through postoffices to the public for postal use that we would save ourselves much grief. If other things appear on the market, let us relegate them to their proper sphere as proofs, essays, trial color prints or whatever may best fit them. The mere fact that a stamp may be shown which is on the same paper as the regular issue and which is perforated like the regular issue, need not make it a recognized postal issue. If we will confine our recognition of postal issues solely to stamps which are issued by the post-office department and sold regularly through the postoffices, we will have recognized only the legitimate material and put a brake on any spurious matter that may be offered. If there are collectors who wish to purchase prints in other colors, or on different papers, well and good, let them do so, but recognize them solely for what they are and do not give them the status of issued postage stamps.

We again call attention to the well known Farley reissues which were the means of providing many thousands of dollars worth of profitable business for the stamp dealer and of milking the collector of huge amounts, all because they were called and recognized as legitimate postage stamps rather than "proofs" which would have been the proper designation to place on them. I want to say a bit more about proofs later on, but now let us continue with the remarks as made by the Royal Society with reference to this 4d. black Cape.

The Society says "The postmark is too indefinite for opinion." Is this not a characteristic of many spurious

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pieces that are found in the philatelic market. It is a simple matter to forge a postmark that is plain and readable, but if plain and readable, it is a much more simple matter to trace the origin of the postmark and possibly learn something about the true cancellation of the stamp. If the postmark is indefinite, indistinct, it leaves no clue and the fakers work is thus protected. The Cataloguer says further, with respect to the other known copies of the stamp, "This is, we believe the usual wording given by the Royal Philatelic Society's Committee." Thus it is acknowledged that all known copies of this 4d stamp are with postmarks, too indefinite for opinion. Truly this would be only a natural manner in which a faker with knowledge and experience would see that such stamps were postmarked.

We find therefore that the only thing the Society can say for the stamp, and the Auctioneers, have been perfectly fair in presenting the evidence, is that the stamp is a print from the original plates and on the proper paper.

Further than this the Society apparently questions and doubts everything. That is, they doubt that the stamp was issued for postal use, they doubt that the postmark is a legitimate one. What then is the answer, other than that the stamps did exist as prints from the original plate and that someone somehow obtained copies of them and that this someone or someone else had them cancelled, knowing quite well that the stamps would more readily be accepted as legitimate stamps if used than if in the unused state.

It must be admitted that a stamp to be a legitimate stamp must be so recognized by the Government that it issues it. As a point in question let us look at the 5c red error of the U. S. issue of 1917. This stamp in the eyes of the Government is not a recognized stamp. This can be proven in more ways than one.

First the stamp was recalled by the Government because of the fact that it was issued in error and was sold for 2c rather than for its face value of 5c, yet while the stamp plainly says on its face, "U. S. Postage" and "5 Cents", the Government did not and would not accept it in payment of 5c postage. Therefore the stamp, in so far as the Government is concerned is not a stamp and is not a recognized postal issue of the United States.

We as collectors however recognize it for exactly what it is, an error. For some years Scott listed this stamp immediately following the 5c blue stamp in the catalogue, indicat-

ing that it was an error of color of the 5c stamp. This listing was in error on the part of Scott and they have so recognized that fact now and the stamp is properly listed following the 2c value and is listed as an error of "value" rather than as an error of "color".

These facts are pointed out to make our meaning clear, that a stamp to be a legitimate postal issue should be recognized by the Government which issued it.

This then brings us back to the question as to whether the 4d. black Cape is an error. The evidence at hand seems to prove that it was not an error since the known copies give every evidence of spurious cancellation and manipulation for the sole purpose of establishing the stamp as a legitimate error.

My personal opinion, and that is based solely on a knowledge of how printing may be handled in a plant, is that the stamp is merely a proof and nothing else. The fact that it is on the same paper as the issued stamp makes no difference in that respect, in fact a proof of a stamp could be in the actual color and identical with the issued stamp, yet acknowledged by the printer as a proof and acknowledged by the Government agent who might obtain it is a proof, yet after mixed with the stamps after issued no one could tell it from the issued stamps, yet it is entirely possible that a certain sheet in the hands of the Government could be a proof sheet. If this sheet were handled as it should be handled by the Government agent it would of course be kept from circulation, possibly marked as a proof sheet on the margins or otherwise or possibly punched to destroy its value, yet it would still be a proof in the eyes of the printer and the Government agent.

Some will ask how such a situation could arise and I have brought up this point solely because I want to explain just how such a thing could happen.

When any job of printing is done and this can as well apply to any job of engraving, of no matter what kind, the customer or purchaser of the work usually asks for a proof. The first setting or preparation of the form from which the printing is to be done is arranged and a proof is taken of this form. This proof is usually carefully checked by the printer himself, any errors are noted, corrected and another proof pulled. This proof is then shown to the customer. Ordinarily this proof is taken on a small proof press, on most any kind of paper or it may be in a small shop, what is known as a "stone proof". Printing offices all have large

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Proofs of this sort are the most crude, a proof from a proof press is much better, but there is another kind of proof and that is where we get into difficulties with our stamps.

Frequently, in the case of a particular job, the customer may be undecided as to just what color of ink he will want the work printed in, he may be undecided about the kind of paper he wants to use, he may even be undecided as to whether the job is going to look like what he thinks it should look like and he may therefore ask for a press proof. In this case, the press proof may be on the identical paper on which the final work is done, the color of ink may not suit the customer, he may ask for a proof in other colors. In the course of this preparation it is entirely possible that prints for the customer may be made on more than one kind of paper and in more than one color of ink. It is also entirely possible that there may be but one proof or a few sheets of such which are made on the paper that is to be used in the completed job and in the exact color that is to be used for the ink on the completed job. These sheets are recognized by the printer and by the customer as "press proofs," yet any of the sheets so made will be identical with the final delivered work.

Thus I have shown what can happen with proofs and I have no doubt but that proofs are taken in stamp printing plants in the same general manner. Therefore if there should be some odd kinds of paper or some different colors of ink used on these proofs which are supplied the customer, certainly these oddities are not a part of the finished job but are proofs.

And likewise, if the press proofs are made in the same color of ink and on the same kind of paper as the finished job is finally printed on, these prints in the eyes of the printer and the customer are nothing but proofs. It is because of this fact that I

have always maintained that if the Farley imperforate sheets had been called proofs, even press proofs, that the stamp collectors would have been saved a good bit of money spent for stamps that should not have been recognized as stamps at all.

In view of such a practice is it therefore not possible that a black proof of the 4d Cape was made on the paper of the regular stamps, that this sheet or a piece of a sheet may have been inclosed with the package of stamps or pasted on it for identification or even that a black proof to show detail, may have been sent the officials of the Cape of Good Hope Postoffice and that these prints have been picked up by someone who has found a way of marketing them.

Christmas Cancels Thanks to Harry Are Coming Soon Haines of Altoona, Pa., we are able to

print in this issue a list of towns which tie in with the Christmas season for the benefit of those collectors who wish to get cancelled covers from such cities.

Correcting We regret that last week **An Error** an error was made in that the date line of the paper was not changed, so that it reads the same as the line of the previous week, for November 8th. Last weeks date line should read, Vol. XIV, No. 3 - Columbus, Ohio, November 15, 1941 - Whole No. 681. We regret this error and suggest that those who keep their magazines in order will mark their copy for last week in the correct manner.

Fourteenth Year Mr. M. Borges, editor of the stamp column in the Bay View News of Oakland, Calif., in their issue of November 7, says, "a word of congratulation and good luck to the publishers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News on the beginning of their fourteenth year." Mr. Borges also says:

"But, we don't agree with ye ed. on his proposed intentions of doing away with the checkered red front page (cover). You know, that is more or less an outstanding mark of recognition for the publication. I know many's the time we look for your little mag and under the debris of philatelic matter can easily locate it by the little red block-edge sticking out. It's a different symbol, and personally, anything that's distinctive is always more appealing."

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Letters of Complaint The Editor's mail of November 12, contained a lengthy typewritten letter of a solid page and a half of full size letter paper with a complaint and story of allegedly unethical and irresponsible service rendered by one of the so called Cover Exchanges or Clubs, the address of which is Carbondale, Pa. The writer complained that through an announcement of cachet service in the April 1941 issue of this publication he had sent numerous covers with a certain amount of cash and stamps as a remittance for which he was to receive certain service in return. The complaint is that the service promised has not been rendered and what can be done about it.

Linn's Weekly has for some time past refused to print further such notices as referred to for the principal reason that we feel that this material should be relegated to publications which cater to matter of this class. It was partly to cater to collectors of this type and to provide an outlet for their activities that our new publication The Collector Magazine was started last May. Since then we have been shifting all matter of the class referred to above into this new publication and expect to confine such material to this new paper. Even then however, we only print the material with the distinct understanding of "let the buyer beware". In other words we do not and will not certify to the authenticity of any offers or recommend anyone in the handling of the proposed services. If we were to attempt to learn which of the different offers were the most legitimate we would have to spend hours of correspondence in doing so and the prospects are that in most cases we would be unable to complete an investigation and satisfy ourselves of the legitimacy of any offer until after an event might have happened, thus being unable to print information at all, for lack of time to verify its authenticity or the reliability of the person offering the service.

Therefore, we can only say to those who are interested in the various services of this nature that have usually been offered through the philatelic press, that the publishers can not and will not accept the responsibility for determining the legitimacy

or reliability of any such offers. It must therefore be borne in mind by the collectors who are interested in such matters as well as by the so-called Cachet Directors and others who render these services that it is strictly up to them to bear down on the unreliable, the irresponsible and the crooked operators in this field and make it their purpose to see that the business is handled in a clean and honorable manner, else all papers will be forced to ban all such activities through their columns.

As a piece of advice to anyone who has unsatisfactory experience in matters of this nature we can best advise you that complete details of the matter should be sent in a letter addressed to "U. S. Post Office Inspector," addressed to the city in which the offender is located. Altho there may be no Post Office Inspector located in such city, the postmaster in that city or town will forward the letter to the Inspector in charge in the district in which the city or town is located. This is the quickest and most effectual way to curb violators of the U. S. Mail and obtaining money through the mails under false pretense is an offense which the Postoffice Department will handle promptly if actual evidence is presented.

A Practical Plan

A new type of stamp club, without dues and by-laws, was started November 8 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, suburb of Detroit.

A group of 12 collectors met in the home of Heinz Hoffman ardent collector, and decided to take the name of the Grosse Pointe Collectors Club. Meetings will be held henceforth twice a month, on the first and third Friday.

An effort is going to be made to eliminate from the meetings all discussions of club business as such, and to turn conversations altogether toward stamps, with possible stamp-trading among members.

Hoffman was elected secretary, the only officer that was left necessary. His sole duty, for the time being at least, will be to notify members of meetings. His address is 1455 Hollywood Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

Membership in the club will be restricted to residents of the five Grosse Pointe communities.

Interested collectors in the community should contact the secretary.

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In The Stamp Papers

Electric Eye Specialists should read the article by George C. Hann in the November American Philatelist. Mr. Hahn gives a complete story of the development and use of the Electric Eye as applied to stamp printing. As a matter of record, the article is an excellent one and such definite recordings and information should be assembled and printed during the process of development for if not done at that time, it is extremely doubtful if a correct Philatelic Record would be easily compiled in later years. Even now as we study the article we find that the Philatelic Apple Cart was upset by the Department by release of certain of the stamps prior to announced dates for first day issue.

The Carroll Chase article on early United States Territorial Postmarks is continued, this installment being on Alabama Territory.

An announcement of the coming Catalog of U. S. Essays by Clarence W. Brazier is of interest to the specialist. The book will retail at \$3.00, less 20% to A. P. S. members.

William H. Buckley, president of the Society of Australasian Specialists continues his article on the stamps of the North West Pacific Islands, while John L. Stroub, well known Nicaragua specialist continues with his article on Nicaragua, this November portion being devoted to those intriguing Telegraph Provisionals.

In this connection we were able to see an excellent collection of the sheets and plated sheets of these stamps when George K. Smith displayed his collection of Nicaragua before the Columbus Philatelic Club at its meeting of November 7th, at which time Mr. Smith gave a very interesting talk on the history of Nicaragua.

In noting the report of the Secretary for the month, one must wonder about the apparent epidemic of resignations, especially since the names of a number of very prominent collectors are to be found in the list.

The November 5th issue of the Stamp Wholesaler features the reprint of the article "System Suggestions for a Retail Stamp Business" by Henry Threlfall. Whether Mr. Threlfall has been doing his stamp dealing under a Company name is something we know nothing about, but having had 20 years experience as a stamp dealer, and having developed our own system as we went along, we find that we did many of the things which Mr. Threlfall outlines, but it seemed to us with a lot less effort and detail than he is putting into the business.

Whether he is speaking from practice or theory, we do not know, but overloading any dealer with detail is a quick way to kill the business, for one has about all they can handle without too much keeping of records of questionable value.

The Australian Stamp Monthly for October states that it is very probable that the basic postal rate in Australia will be advanced to 2½d., as a war measure. Proposals have been made that a special war stamp be issued and if this is done it is very probable that the current 2d stamp will be surcharged.

An interesting article on the popular New Zealand Health Stamps is clipped from the October "A.S.M." and reprinted in this issue.

In Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News for November 10, Philip H. Ward tells of a Famous Find of Stamps of the 1847 Issue. Mr. Ward points out that the late find of large blocks which was reported in the stamp press in the past year, was not a find of the largest known pieces of these stamps and he tells where the larger known pieces are now located and from where they came.

The Airpost Journal, published at Albion, Pa., continues to be the leading exponent of everything pertaining to air mail stamps and covers and no enthusiast who clamors for these items should be without this monthly bundle of real air mail news and information.

Ceylon Provisional Forged

Mr. V. J. Rodrigo informs the Australian Stamp Monthly that the recent 3c. on 20c. provisional postage stamp of Ceylon has been extensively counterfeited. The distinguishing features are as follows:—

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The title to this article is that of a new book which is just issued from London, England. The author, Mr. T. Todd is known as the author of other books on stamp subjects and is presumably a collector as well.

We congratulate Mr. Todd however on his handling of the subject in the volume at hand. We especially appreciate it and believe that the method employed will be of immense value to the hobby of stamp collecting, because Mr. Todd has seemed to keep as far as possible from making the book a specialists dream of British Postage Stamps.

While the whole story is told, starting from the time when Col. Henry Bishop wrote in 1661, that "a stamp is invented that is put upon every letter" and running up through the years of William Dockwra's London Penny Post of twenty years later thence into the many different hand-stamp experiments that finally led to the introduction of the adhesive stamp of 1840, the story is told in words that make the book interesting reading for someone other than a philatelist. It is in fact "A History of British Postage Stamps", that will interest and attract any student of world history as well as interest the philatelist.

The various engraved, embossed and surface printed stamps of Queen Victoria's long reign are fully dealt with and much of the information about essays, proofs and color trials is said to be published for the first time.

Right on up through the years until the present year, information of value and interest is presented in a readable form and included as a part of the volume are 40 pages of illustrations many of which are entirely different than have been shown in other volumes.

Indeed Mr. Todd has done a remarkable job in this new book and the publishers are to be congratulated as well. In all, 274 pages plus forty pages of plates, makes a volume that will interest every collector of the stamps of Great Britain and entertain every person who has a thirst for knowledge of the subject covered in this volume.

The publishers are Duckworth, 3 Henrietta St., London, W.C.2., England. The price of the volume is 10sh6d.

British Guiana A. P. O.

Definite data on A.P.O. 807, previously shrouded in uncertainty, has just been received. Opening date of this post office was reported by The Postal Bulletin as July 9, 1941. Direct information received by us, however, fixes July 29 as the first day of cancellation of mail.

Various surmises had been made as to the location of this base, several agreeing that it was British Guiana. This is confirmed by our correspondent who adds:

"This base, 'Atkinson Field', is located at what was the little native village of Hyde Park; 27 or so miles up the Demerara River from Georgetown. Airmail comes direct to this field by Army bomber from Trinidad; it comes into Trinidad on Pan American from Miami.

"There is at present a U. S. Marine Post Office over on the Essequibo River. I don't know their exact address . . . but a good deal of their incoming mail goes through here. It has no A.P.O. number."

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The Canadian Revenue Society

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Aside from financial considerations, to which the real collector, as distinguished from the investor or speculator rightly usually pays little attention, the answers to this question will probably cover a pretty wide field. Perhaps my own is typical of most.

I collect Canadian revenue stamps because the field is not over-crowded; because they possess the charm of variety, ranging as they do from crude type-set labels to the finest examples of engraving; because I can make a respectable showing for a modest expenditure, and also enjoy the pleasure of chasing rarities, of which there are enough to make the pursuit interesting; because they offer a fertile field for research since only a few of them have been studied intensively; because I enjoy reconstructing their background of legislative and human interest.

In 1938 there were enough collectors with tastes similar to mine to warrant the formation of the Canadian Revenue Society with a membership of half a dozen. Without any great fanfare, its membership has now increased to about 60. The Society's expansion policy is conservative; we feel that one member who sticks is worth a dozen who join today and leave us tomorrow.

Ever since its inception the Society has published a monthly BULLETIN carrying official announcements and news items. Early in its life it started a comprehensive catalogue of Canadian revenues, mimeographed in monthly sections. The final section appeared over a year ago, and led to a flood of suggested corrections and additions. The original manuscript has been entirely rewritten in the light of these suggestions, and we hope and expect the catalogue will appear in book form before many months, though there is still much work to be done on it.

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Other lists issued to members include a short bibliography, and those covering some classes of tax-paid; eventually we hope to have a complete listing of these. Projected are a catalogue of the revenues of Newfoundland, a list of Canadian revenue proofs and essays, further tax-paid lists, a list of match-tax impressions, an expansion of the bibliography, perhaps a summary of the legislation, both Federal and provincial, under which our revenues were issued, and other items which will no doubt be suggested as suitable.

The Canadian Revenue Society offers collectors of these stamps a service which seems to be appreciated. Membership is open to any respectable adult-collector—there are no juniors. The admission fee is \$1.00 and dues are \$2.00 a year.

R. DeL. French, Secretary,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

A Russian Poet

In January, 1938, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics issued a stamp in honor of Shota Rustavelli, a poet of the thirteenth century. His name is unknown by the world at large, and is not found in the leading encyclopedias. And yet Rustavelli is considered by his countrymen—according to official information given out about this commemorative issue—to be the equal of Dante, Homer, Pushkin, and Shakespeare.

Born in Georgia, which is today part of Russia but was then an independent kingdom, Rustavelli won the favor of Georgia's Queen Tamar with his lyric verse, and it was to her that he dedicated his masterpiece, "The Knight in the Tiger's Skin."

For over seven hundred years this poem has endured in spite of continual opposition and censorship. In Rustavelli's own time the poem was burned in public because of its liberal ideas. All written records were presumably destroyed during the Mongol invasions. And even after Georgia became part of Russia at the beginning of the 19th Century the Tsars did everything possible (which was plenty) to prevent the publication, circulation, and recitation of the poem.

In spite of all this opposition, "The Knight in the Tiger's Skin" survived, and Rustavelli remains to this day the national poet of the Georgian people. The 750th anniversary of his birth is being celebrated this year, and made known to the world by this attractive commemorative stamp which shows a picturesque portrait of Rustavelli and bears the inscription "750 years".

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The New Zealand Health Stamps

BY S. MILLER

In The Australian Stamp Monthly

So much has been written about these stamps that there is very little to be added even by the most competent philatelic writer, and I propose to consider these yearly issues mainly from the financial point of view. I know that many collectors will not continue reading this because I mention the financial aspect of a hobby. On the other hand, I hope that a larger number of readers will be just as interested in their monetary value as they are in their history from a purely philatelic standpoint.

One of the main reasons that have caused the New Zealand Health Stamps to become one of the most popular series throughout the world is the regularity with which they appear year in, year out, their low face value and attractive designs. Thousands of collectors in many foreign countries who do not collect New Zealand stamps have a soft spot for their annual charity because the stamps form an entity of their own and can be displayed as a complete collection. Naturally, this world-wide interest in the stamps has not been without an effect on their market prices.

The novelty of the first Health stamp must have had a big influence

on the unusually large quantity sold and the next three years saw a marked drop in the sales of these stamps, with the result that the 1930, 31 and 32 issues are now the scarcest and their prices are the highest.

From 1934-38 the popularity of the stamps grew by leaps and bounds and quantities of the stamps sold during each of these years were well over the million mark. Then the war intervened and we find the 1939 setback again to the half-million level of 1928, and the subsequent restrictions placed on the stamp trade in New Zealand must have played a prominent part in bringing the quantities of the 1940 set still further down to the quarter-million mark of the 1932-34 period.

Since it is usual for the price of a stamp (and any other saleable object, for that matter) to be governed by the supply and demand, it must become apparent that the value of the 1939 and 1940 sets is certain to appreciate sharply in the post war period. It must be remembered also that the number of collectors of the Health stamps is on the increase, but because of the war, the available supply of these stamps has been on the decrease. The result is obvious.

From time to time the N.Z. Postal Department demonetizes obsolete stamps of a certain period. Thus the 1929-34 Health stamps have already been demonetized and consequently cannot now be used to prepay postage or even be "cancelled to order". This

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leads me to suggest that in the long run the used, especially fine used, Health stamps will be better than mint, especially the demand for fine used is always greater.

Evidently because quantities of the Health stamps printed in 1940 have greatly exceeded actual sales and probably because it would be most economical to have a further supply

printed from the same plates, the 1941 Health series will be the same as that of 1940, but with an addition of an overprint "1941." The fact that the coming Health series will again consist of two stamps will tend to keep the quantities well below the half million mark, but let us hope for the sake of the charities that benefit from their sale, that this year will see a

great improvement on last year's figures.

So far no permanent reference list of all the past Health stamps has been published, and with the kind co-operation of the New Zealand Postal Department, I have compiled the following statistics which I hope may be of interest to readers.
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CHECK LIST OF THE N.Z. HEALTH STAMPS.
Compiled by S. Miller

Date.	Design.	Designer.	Denominations.	Colors.	Date of Issue.	Withdrawal.	Quantities Sold	Printers.	Scott Unused	Price Used
1929)		Frame by Govt. Printing Office, Vignette by L. C. Mitchell, of Wellington, N.Z.	1d.+1d.	Scarlet	11-12-29	28-2-30	592,844	Govt. Printing, Wellington	.35	.35
1930)	Nurse		1d.+1d.	Scarlet	29-10-30	28-2-31	215,543		.35	.35
1931	Smiling Boy	L. C. Mitchell	1d.+1d.	Scarlet	31-10-31	29-2-32	111,929	" " "	2.25	2.25
			2d.+1d.	Blue			74,904		2.25	2.25
1932	Hygeia, Goddess of Health	R. E. Tripe and W. J. Cooch	1d.+1d.	Carmine	18-11-32	28-2-33	237,504	" " "	1.50	1.25
1933	Road to Health	S. J. Berry	1d.+1d.	Carmine	8-11-33	28-2-34	260,883	" " "	.50	.35
1934	Crusader	S. J. Berry	1d.+1d.	Carmine	26-10-34	28-2-35	257,855	De La Rue & Co., England	.25	.20
1935	Child at Beach through keyhole	S. Hall	1d.+1d.	Scarlet	30- 9-35	11-1-36	1,250,057	John Ash, Melb.	.25	.15
1936	Lifebuoy Around Girl's Head	S. J. Berry	1d.+1d.	Scarlet	2-11-36	16-1-37	1,449,980	" " "	.15	.12
1937	A Boy Hiker	G. Bull and S. J. Berry	1d.+1d.	Scarlet	1-10-37	15-2-38	897,035	" " "	.10	.10
1938	Two Children at Play	S. J. Berry	1d.+1d.	Scarlet	1-10-38	15-2-39	1,234,720	Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., England.	.10	.10
1939	Three Young Boys at Play	S. Hall	1d.+1/2d.	Green			482,746	John Ash, Melb.	.05	.05
			2d.+1d.	Scarlet	16-10-39	28-3-40	516,046		.10	.10
1940	As above but different colors	S. Hall	1d.+1/2d.	Green			284,756			
			2d.+1d.	Light brn.	1-10-40	28-2-41	359,972	" " "		

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The Webster Collection of British Guiana

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W. J. Webster started collecting in 1910 in a general way. He soon decided that the world was too large and began a specialized collection of Transvaal and British Guiana. Ere

long he concentrated all his effort on the latter country and in 1917 after the death of M. P. Castle, whose collection formed the basis of the listings in the Gibbons Catalogue he acquired this collection which placed the Webster British Guianas in the forefront of the world's single country collections. Later the Guy Wyatt accumulation was added and other smaller properties were purchased as opportunity presented.

In offering this great collection to Britain, the owner has stipulated that no bids on the stamps shall be accepted from British collectors. Every dollar from the sale of this great collection is proposed to be invested in Government securities as a contribution to the British War Fund.

Announcement of the date of the sale is to be made later. The beautiful illustrated brochure describing the collection can be had from Harmer, Rooke & Co., Ltd., 551 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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The Aside Walks of New York

By De Witt Frankel

Stamp Out Crime!

'Spreading Sunshine with Philately' seems to have actually taken hold, and many stamp collectors all over the nation are lending more than just thoughts to their less fortunate neighbors. Gratifying messages and stories come via mail or indirectly, concerning many episodes worthy of considerable praise because of the magnitude of gracious benevolence displayed. The title for this paragraph lends a different vista to what horizons Philately may also arise. 'Stamp Out Crime!' is without question a phrase originated with no particular thought of stamp collecting involved. It heralds a sort of cautionary admonishment to eradicate the violations and transgressions committed against humane society. Take it from one who has, as a reporter, fraternized with interns, police, and even bewildered victims of the sudden complex urge for mischief, that stamping out crime is a rather difficult undertaking unless it can be intercepted in the bud. If one may take the liberty of playing on the double entente of the slogan, perhaps the stamp in 'Stamp Out Crime!' may help a great deal. Not so long ago we enjoyed the honor of sharing a coast-to-coast radio programme with the former Warden Lewis E. Lawes. We have never forgotten how emphatically he stressed the points relative to the good that hobbies can invoke. One may well imagine that for every child converted to stamp collecting, and for every youngster who grows enthusiastic for the hobby, there will obviously be one future American with less thoughts for wrong thinking during idle moments. A youngster listening to fanciful tales of geographical and historical stories about stampic back-grounds, is more than often inspired to greater and cleaner heights in this world of material good. The Boy Scout Organization thinks enough of stamp collecting to have it form a part of Boy Scout studies. Stamp Exhibitions all over the country should always take the younger folks into consideration, and if possible, form some sort of Big Brother division to interest the future collectors in the correct manner. There are Community Centers and other schools in every part of larger cities where much good may be garnered by passing an enjoyable half hour or so telling an interested group about the pleasures involved in stamp collecting. If every person who is the victim of some foul criminal perpetra-

tion, would have done their share for Philately alone, and would have wasted just the amount of time it later on takes to file complaints or adjust aggravating results, there would without question have been happier moments in many more lives. Let's help do our share! 'Stamp Out Crime!' if only with humble efforts to educate, enlist and interest younger folks in stamps! 'Stamp out some of the crime with stamps!'

Donald Field

It was a genuine pleasure to hear Don Field express a few opinions relative to Philately. Field practically has the field all to himself in Monroe, New York, and he has been transacting quite an active mail order business based on his extensive advertisements. His philosophy seems pretty much of successful realization because of the fact that he finds it comparatively simple to turn over material, whereas the more difficult angle is to obtain the right kind of stamps at right prices.

Thanx A Million!

Some time ago, a stamp collector by the name of Julius Ghiggeri was directed to write us relative to his penchant for Philately. He did not know of our address, so he sent a letter to us in care of the stamp editor of the New York Sun, Frank Bruns. Stamps were sent on after we received the message, to Ghiggeri in Glen Falls, New York. A week later we ran a notice in this column specifying his address as seventy-three Knight street in the mentioned city. A hope was expressed that collectors in the vicinity would stop in and pay the stampist a visit. Without much fanfare or display, J. Bianchi of the local stamp club in Glens Falls, called on Ghiggeri, and according to reports, they had a lovely time. The letter just arrived from the recipient of the stamp club's kind attention, explains how happy he is over the visit, and of how eagerly he is looking forward to another meeting scheduled soon. Ghiggeri is a shut-in, and magnanimously, he also turns in all of his duplicate stamps to friends in a Sanatorium where he was recently confined. He has improvised a sort of impromptu stamp album, and so when Captain Fred G. Meyers of Fire Station number two, in Corning, New York, wrote on that he was sending us a used International album with

some stamps in it, and that it be sent to a worthy collector, which was all due to the suggestion of Stanley Wasson, we immediately relayed the album to Ghiggeri who will no doubt be made a much happier stamp collector instilled with a warmth of good feelings for Philatelists who paused a moment in their busy whirl of routine to share the pleasures of their hobby. This humble typist hopes the blessings of an old sinner such as we are, will be accepted as thanx.

Miniature Wise Crack

Don't know where we heard the following, or perhaps read it in some periodical, but it strikes us as rather a pertinent as well as humorous remark. The crack is that one may now expect miniature sheets to again mark time because of the paper shortage.

Doctor Julius Michaelis

The Bay Ridge Stamp Society offered a unique memorial for the late Doctor Julius Michaelis. He served as an official and on the Board of Governors of that organization, and was quite prominent in many activities. The present Board of Governors has adopted a resolution to donate a suitable trophy in memory of the departed

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Schoenbach's Stamp Exchange

This 'Do Your Xmas Shopping Early' idea seems to have already entered into Philately. Schoenbach's Stamp Exchange addressed at P. O. Box 180 in Station G., has sent a rather inviting list of Christmas specials out through the mail. The compilation features various hard-to-get items at very tempting prices. Write him for data.

Postal Employees

It has often been the occasion for conjecture as to how many employees were in the Postal Service, and in a recent release sent out by the Post Office Department there is a statement to the effect that the amount of folks employed, numbers pretty close to 376,000.

Revolution In Publicity

Edward L. Bernays in a splendid brief or dissertation relative to the evolution of publicity, touches on all of the intimate details of the subject. In an article in the Saturday Review of Literature, one of his lines tells of how a publicity festivity incorporated Light's Golden Jubilee, when the Government honored Thomas Edison and the Mazda lamp by illustrating a mazda bulb on a postage stamp.

Salute To Rockford, Michigan

Of course, we have no way of offering you further information than the that an unsigned manuscript of a rather lengthy, but highly delightful and ludicrous poem arrived in the mail, with a clipping from one of the columns wherein a paragraph offered as a preachment against imbibing too freely was expressed. We notice such names as Les and Arn Paepke, Pancho Conant, L. Stauffer, F. Allen, H. May, T. Gedrits, H. Travis, C. Crissman, H. Duchane, W. Bellows, J. Finch, R. Whital, R. Clark, H. Ripmaster, and A. Krause. The diatribe runs into about three pages, and has bowling pretty will mixed up with Philately. A penciled notation explains something about too much juniper juice being in the bowling league. Perhaps in league with the bowlers. My best wishes and don't forget the next toast to Yours truly!

The Brooklyn Philatelist

The above mentioned Club Organ is without question making long and creditable strides in Philatelic journalism. Just when one employs about

every kind of a worthy compliment in praise, along comes the next issue deserving of even more commendation. The Brooklyn Stamp Club is a swell organization, and their publication is quite a gesture. Write them for a copy, if only for that picture of Aunt Agatha.

Harvey Dolan

Harvey Dolan and Company, located in 31 Park Row, have recently inaugurated a new sort of service whereon they are handling and turning over much choice material for local collectors and dealers. Their material is priced cheaply, and fine lots of United States, British Colonials, Airmails, and better Foreign specialties are always available for the buyer.

Postal Gleanings

It was Gene Grezzi who pointed out that the general attitude of the Nation's business is reflected by the business in the Postal Department. The postal service is a sort of barometer the country over. It handles through some 44,000 post offices, more than 27,000,000,000 pieces of mail weighing more than 5,000,000,000 pounds.

Celebrities In Philately

Blanche Edith Adams up in Yonkers, besides being a stamp collector of much note, has also had time this season to prepare quite a few oil paintings for exhibition in various museums and galleries. Bill Adams who somehow tolerates stamp collectors, because he seems completely submerged by friends and folks in the family who do nothing but discuss Philately, will soon have the occasion to jump into his enjoyable activity of playing Santa Claus to hosts of folks in the Institutions, Clubs, Churches, and theatres in Westchester County.

Beloved Vagabond

The stamp collector somehow seems pretty much like the beloved vagabond of happiness on the high-road of Life.

It would probably take the pen of a Barry or a Pirandello to describe the travels and care-free abandonment involved in turning the pages of a stamp album and traveling within the flick of a second from one great country to another. The enjoyment and enthusiasm runs rife not only in the present day, but back along the gamut of years and down through the nineteenth century. Where in any other hobby may one find such captivating stories of adventure as depicted on stamps commemorating each different event. Beloved vagabonds all, and happy!

Once A Puns A Time!

Some folks have an idea they have to be funny with us, and here is a bit of the abuse we must take. The fellow who showed us a Ceylon stamp, and pointed to the denomination with a remark, "The last time I saw Paras"!

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Auction Sale Calendar

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Nov. 21-22 U. S. and Foreign, Cosmos Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., New York, N. Y.

Nov. 24-25 United States, H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y.

Nov. 28-29 United States, Laurence & Stryker, 140 W. 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

Nov. 29 to 29 and Dec. 2-3, 19th and 20th century foreign, J. C. Morgenthau & Co. Inc., 1 West 47th St., New York, N. Y.

Dec. 2-3 British Empire, H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St. New York, N. Y.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

Did GOOK Die?

Not so terrible long ago it seemed to be the fad to save those bureau prints that showed some definite repair on the plate, or that showed some unusual defect, usually signs of deterioration or the like. So much commotion did a few collectors make that they persuaded the bureau catalog publishers to get out a catalog for them. Since then the GOOKS have been on the decline and it has been some time since they have made enough noise to cause anyone to turn their head. I surmise that the turn of events in the bureau field caused by first the Defense issue being precancelled and then the changing of types to the narrow style has been the cause of the let down. I have nothing against the things personally. We still have them and always will till better means of printing are found, but to make such a 'furse' over them was all out of proportion to what they really meant to collectors. It is very interesting to have them along in your collection but to make them alone the THING just is not right. Placing a premium on imperfection is really worse than the boys who place over-emphasis on perfection or triple A stamps. I never gave the things my blessing and could never predict a rosy future for them nor did I ever feel that they deserved it. We hope collectors forget about GOOKS and just collect regular precancels.

Unusual Strip

Perhaps this is just a jump ahead of a GOOK but since it does not consist of any deficiency in the printing

but rather in the manufacturing process I think it worthy of description. The strip was from Bird Haven Va. the only bureau listed for the place, a 1c coil. To me it seems that this strip shows that the printers were having a time of it. The strip consisted of four stamps and the two left hand stamps were badly off center both as to perforation and precancelling the other two were scarcely B copies. A paste-up occurred between the two pairs and each pair showed the line at the place of paste-up. Could you call this a double line pair? As I understand it a paste-up is only used when the paper roll breaks and I am guessing that the printers used the guide line as guide in trimming up the sheet before they pasted them together.

Tennessee

The Nov. Forum prints a list of all precancel using towns in the state as copied from the records in Washington. With each town is the date on which the place was authorized to use precancels. Also records were made if they used precancelled envelopes and also in some instances whether an Electro or Handstamp was issued the place. This is the kind of list the OHIO boys are trying to get and hope to have in the near future. At last it seems that the department is cooperating more with the precancel collector than ever before. Maybe they feel sorry for us after that Dating-Overprint job.

Burlington Flats

Just as the 1c Burlington Flats, N.Y. coils were distributed so were the 1½c items. So now the threat that these two items would be another Liberty with the supply controlled by a single manipulator has been removed. Thanks for this work and effort goes chiefly to Wilson P. Smith, the retiring president of the P.S.S. It was thru his efforts that the true facts about these stamps were brought to light and that the manipulator was thwarted in his plans. The Precancel Fraternity owes Wilson P. Smith a vote of thanks.

Polish Stamp Revival

For Sea-post Service

The Polish postal service, which came to an end when the enemy occupied Polish territory, is to renew operations and is to issue a new series of postage stamps. The Polish Government has now decided to avail themselves of their rights under the Universal Postal Convention, and on December 15th next a Polish postal service is to be put into operation on Polish sea-going vessels. In accordance with the prescriptions of the Convention, ordinary and registered correspondence will be accepted on these vessels during their passage through the high seas.

The new series of Polish postage stamps has been produced by one of London's most famous firms of stamp engravers and consists of eight stamps, of varying colours, and with a pictorial design based on two war subjects. One illustrates the war havoc in Poland, the other the Polish armed forces. Included in the pictorial designs, which are artistically executed miniature copies of photographs, is a view of Warsaw, the heroic capital of Poland, which was distinguished with the "Virtuti Militari" Cross for its stubborn, though hopeless, resistance to the enemy. This Cross forms the emblem of one of the stamps, which bears a representation of the square before the ruined Royal Palace at Warsaw, seen through the ruins of a bombed house. Two other stamps depict the ruins of the capital city's palaces which were occupied by the United States Embassy and the Polish Ministry of Finance. Another depicts the monument to the great Polish poet, Mickiewicz, in Cracow, being thrown from its pedestal by the Germans, a vivid testimony to the barbarism with which the occupation authorities are destroying Polish culture. Other stamps depict the various branches of the Polish armed forces, the Air Force, the Navy, the heroic submarine "Orzel," tanks and infantry.

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Another week in the city where more business was done between the dealers themselves, than between collector and dealer. What is happening? Has the army taken over more collectors than the dealers can afford to lose, or is the war situation and ensuing higher prices stopping collecting?

New York Cover dealers were amazed at the small number of complete First Day covers on the airmail series. Figures of the St. Louis sale

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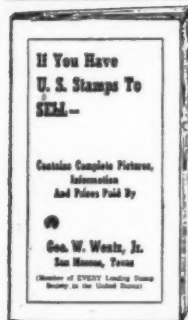
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coming through this week, and shows only 54,580 covers on the 50c used. This is the lowest number of first days in quite some time. As a result this series may surprise collectors of First Days.

With the second part of the Knapp sale drawing to a close at the time of this writing, over \$26,500 had been realized, one of the individual high prices being \$1400 paid for a Waterbury "Running Chicken Cancellation."

A number of times I have commented on booklet plate number collecting so a dealer passed on a letter from a customer, the interesting part reads "I thought I would be able to add to my collection increased plate number percentages on a number of panes in my collection, for while on my vacation I was stopping at various post offices. Well, I examined about 100,000 booklet panes and found only two panes which were better than mine. Tell me how do you manage to stock these items." This question I also asked, but just received a smile. I am debating with myself which is more fascinating booklet pane plate numbers, or coil plate numbers. Maybe a bug will bite me.

U. S. dealers have been telling me for quite some time that imperforates have been selling strong again and stocks have been sadly depleted. By this I mean the good ones. There are still enough "Farleys" to go around. The 1909 Commemorative imperfs are the popular items.

Harry L. Lindquist, publisher of Stamps Magazine, is having a dinner given in his honor by the American Stamp Dealers Association at the Biltmore on Friday evening, December 5th. Emil Bruechig, president of the A.S.D.A. stated that Mr. Lindquist is being honored for his unselfish and untiring efforts in behalf of philately in its broadest sense.

Dealers are complaining that someone has made off with the available supply of British Jubilee sets. Some time back Harris of Boston had a number of sets in stock for the wholesale market, well these couldn't last for ever, now when a dealer needs a set he has to pay more for it, besides he has to locate it. Maybe the coronations are next in line.

Howls about the 1942 catalogue (Scott Standard) are still emanating from most of the dealers. It is known by a large number of the boys as the "Swindle Book".

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